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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ELAB, IN, US

SUBJECT: INDIAN MINE DISASTER

1. CONFIRMING SOBER-SCHNEIDER TELECON DECEMBER 31, EFFORT TO SHIP PUMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO INDIA HAS BEEN CALLED OFF. FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS BEING ISSUED INFORMING PRESS OF DECISION.

2. BEGIN TEXT: FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAVE BEEN URGENTLY REVIEWING WITH THE GOI WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD HELP INDIA COPE WITH THE MINE DISASTER AT DHANBAD. IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC INDIAN REQUEST, THE USG LOCATED AND PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT A NUMBER OF HIGH PERFORMANCE PUMPS TO BE USED IN REMOVING WATER FROM THE FLOODED MINE. BEFORE  
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THE PUMPS COULD BE SHIPPED, THE GOI WITHDREW ITS REQUEST

BECAUSE SUITABLE PUMPS WERE LOCATED WITHIN INDIA. THE GOI HAS EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. END TEXT.

3. TO BE USED ON IF ASKED BASIS, FOLLOWING Q AND A WAS PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN:

Q. IS THIS DECISION LINKED IN ANY WAY TO MRS. GANDHI'S RECENT ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT?

A. SO FAR AS WE KNOW AND ARE CONCERNED, THERE IS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER.

4. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE ABOVE STATEMENT TO PRESS IMMEDIATELY, AND TO USE CONTINGENCY Q AND A IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY. ROBINSON

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